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SUBJECT: US/JAPAN AGREEMENT ON CHINOOK SALMON

1. GOJ AGREED ON JAN. 23 TO CONTROL JAPANESE SALMON FISHING IN NORTHERN CENTRAL BERING SEA IN 1976 SO AS TO REDUCE INCIDENTAL CATCH OF CHINOOK SALMON OF WESTERN ALASKA ORIGIN. MEASURES AGREED ON WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS VOLUNTARY DOMESTIC MEASURES TAKEN BY JAPANESE INDUSTRY INASMUCH AS AREA COVERED UNDER AGREEMENT IS PRESENTLY COVERED UNDER JAPAN/USSR PACIFIC NORTHWEST FISHERIES TREATY, BUT GOJ HAS PROVIDED ASSURANCE OF MONITORING ACTIVITY OF JAPANESE FLEETS TO ENSURE FULL COMPLIANCE.

2. DOMESTIC MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY INDUSTRY CALL FOR JAPANESE FLEET TO LIMIT ITS FISHING EFFORT IN WATERS NORTH OF 55 DEG N BETWEEN LONGITUDES 175 DEG W AND 180 DEG DURING PERIOD JUNE 26 TO END OF FISHING SEASON INCLUSIVE TO AVERAGE OF 6-YEAR PERIOD (1970-1975) OF 53 FLEET (MOTHERSHIP) DAYS. IN EVENT OCEAN AND FISHING CONDITIONS ARE ABNORMALLY UNFAVORABLE IN OTHER AREAS, FISHING EFFORT IN AREA CAN BE INCREASED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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20 PERCENT BUT NOT TO EXCEED 64 FLEET DAYS UNDER ANY

CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ADDITION, THE INDUSTRY AGREES NOT TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSS OF FISH INCURRED IN THE AREA (180 - 175 DEG W) BY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING ITS FISHING ACTIVITIES IN AREA TO WESTWARD BETWEEN 180 AND 175 DEG E NORTH OF 55 DEG N.

3. STATEMENT ON VOLUNTARY MEASURES TO BE IMPLEENTED BY JAPANESE INDUSTRY BEGINS WITH STATEMENT QUOTE THE INDUSTRY, IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONSERVATION PROBLEM OF WESTERN ALASKA (INCLUDING YUKON RIVER) CHINOOK SALMON, WILL MAKE BEST EFFORTS TO KEEP FISHING EFFORT IN EASTERN BERING SEA DURING THE 1976 SEASON NOT MORE THAN THE AVERAGE LEVEL IN THE RECENT YEARS UNQTE. INTERPRETATION OF THIS STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED IN EXPLANATORY NOTES ESSENTIALLY AS DESCRIBED IN PARA. 2 ABOVE.

4. AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH NOT FULLY SATISFACTORY TO US REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN THAT JAPAN AFTER MANY YEARS OF DELIBERATIONS HAS RECOGNIZED FOR FIRST TIME CONSERVATION PROBLEM OF WESTERN ALASKA CHINOOK SALMON AND HAS AGREED ON TAKING PARTIAL MEASURES TO HELP RESOLVE PROBLEM. VIEW OF US DEL IS THAT ARRANGEMENTS REPRESENT BEST THAT WE COULD HAVE ACHIEVED AT THIS TIME. HODGSON

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